

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 3, 2003, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement, dividing the pending claims into four groups, namely, Group I – claims 32-59 and 89-93, Group II – claims 60-72, Group III – claims 73-77, and Group IV - claims 78-88.

Applicant elects the invention of Group I with traverse. Claims 60-72, 73-77, and 78-88 have been withdrawn. Claims 32-59 and 89-93 are pending.

Because the scope of the claims has not been altered and because the claims were allowed before this case was continued in order that art could be placed in the record, Applicant submits that the claims remain distinguishable over the art of record and are therefore in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner enter the present amendments and allow the case. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be helpful, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (713) 238-8000.

Respectfully submitted,



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